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US Department of Energy
Oak Ridge Operations Office
Attn: Gary Hartman
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Dear Mr. Hartman:

I am adding my voice to all of the others to end the nuclear madness. Nuclear weaponry, by all laws of war, is illegal. A nuclear weapon with its blast and subsequent radiation will target noncombatants.

I urge you to close down Oak Ridge immediately and disavow any involvement in nuclear weapons production. No one has the right to endanger the environment or citizens of the world with weapons of mass destruction.

Please respond. Thanks so very much.

In peace,

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The proposed action and alternatives analyzed in the Y-12 SWEIS address the continued operation of the assigned nuclear weapons stockpile management requirement of Y-12. There is no proposal to expand capabilities or to increase nuclear weapons production at Y-12. In accordance with Section 91 of the *Atomic Energy Act*, DOE carries out its mission (i.e., atomic weapons activities) consistent with the consent of and direction from the President and Congress. This consent and direction are contained in the Nuclear Weapons Stockpile Memorandum, which is updated annually. The issue of whether DOE should produce nuclear weapons is beyond the scope of the Y-12 SWEIS.

Dismantlement of nuclear weapons and environmental cleanup are ongoing activities (see Sections 2.2.1 and 2.2.2.2, respectively) at Y-12. These activities would continue under all alternatives analyzed in the Y-12 SWEIS.